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SCIENTIFIC NOTES AND NEWS

DR. L. I. BAILEY was elected president of the American Pomological Society at the recent Boston meeting.

DR. JOHN CHARLES HESSLER, professor of chemistry in the James Millikin University at Decatur, Illinois, has been elected to the presidency of the Illinois State Academy of Science.

At the Chicago meeting of the American College of Surgeons the following were elected fellows: Surgeon General Rupert Blue, United States Public Health Service; Surgeon General William C. Gorgas, United States Army; Surgeon General William C. Braisted, United States Navy; Colonel T. H. Goodwin, British Medical Corps; Colonel C. Dercle, French Medical Corps; Sir Berkeley Moynihan, Leeds, England.

DR. LOUIS B. WILSON, of the Mayo Foundation of the University of Minnesota, has been appointed director of the foundation.

FRANK C. BAKER, zoological investigator of the New York State College of Forestry, at Syracuse, formerly acting director of the Chicago Academy of Sciences, has been appointed curator of the university museum at the University of Illinois, where his work will begin within a couple of months.

A TESTIMONIAL banquet was given by the Physicians' Club of Chicago, in honor of Dr. Frank Billings, at the Auditorium Hotel, on November 1. Dr. Augustus O'Neill acted as toastmaster. A silver loving cup was presented to Dr. Billings on behalf of the Physicians' Club.

A PEERAGE of the United Kingdom has been conferred upon the Right Honorable Sir Francis Hopwood, vice-chairman of the Development Commission, and a member of the General Board and Executive Committee of the National Physical Laboratory.

PRESIDENT POINCARÉ has conferred the Legion of Honor upon Dr. John Cadman, C.M.G., professor of mining in the University of Birmingham, in recognition of valuable services rendered by him in the cause of the allies.

PROFESSOR I. BANDI has been placed in charge of the newly opened institution at Naples for the production of therapeutic serums and vaccines as a center for research in hygiene and biology, with special regard to colonial conditions.

P. F. WALKER, dean of the engineering school and formerly head of the department of mechanical engineering at the University of Kansas, has been granted an indefinite leave of absence to enter the army. He has received a commission as Lieutenant Colonel and is stationed at Camp Cody, N. M. Professor George C. Shaad has temporarily assumed the duties of dean and Professor Frederick H. Sibley has been made head of the department of mechanical engineering.

JAMES H. BONNER, professor of forestry in the Montana State University, has been appointed captain in the engineers' section of the officers' reserve corps.

VICTOR K. LA MER, formerly chemist at the Carnegie Institution, Cold Spring Harbor, Long Island, has received a commission of first lieutenant in the Sanitary Corps.

PRESIDENT WILLIAM JASPER KERR, of the Oregon Agricultural College, has been appointed head of the increased agricultural production campaign and chairman of the Food Committee of the State Council of Defense.

PROFESSOR H. S. PRATT, of Haverford College, assisted by Frank C. Baker, zoological investigator of the New York State College of Forestry, made during the past summer a study of the parasitic worms of Oneida Lake fishes. This work was made by cooperation between the U. S. Bureau of Fishes and the New York State College of Forestry at Syracuse, and was a part of the fish survey which has been carried on there for the past three years.

PROFESSOR CALVIN H. KAUFFMAN, curator of the Cryptogamic Herbarium, and professor in the department of botany of the University of Michigan, has left for Colorado where he will spend the year gathering and selecting mushrooms in order to experiment on them for certain malignant diseases which affect crops. Professor Kauffman was granted a year's leave of absence in order that he might work on these plant diseases for the United States government.

DR. WILLIAM C. FARABEE, director of the University of Pennsylvania Museum, who recently returned from a two years' exploring trip to the Amazon River, is now engaged in installing the exhibits he collected. Thousands of rare specimens are being made ready and when finished they will occupy the entire floor of the museum. The collection, which will be opened to the public early in November, promises to be the finest of its kind in the world. In the absence of Director Gordon, Dr. Farabee is acting director of the museum.

DR. FRANK CARNEY, professor of geology and geography at Denison University, has resigned to enter the employment of The National Refining Company of Cleveland, Ohio.

L. M. TOLMAN, for seventeen years connected with the Bureau of Chemistry, U. S. Department of Agriculture, and for the last three years chief of the central food and drug inspection district of that bureau, has resigned to become chief chemist of Wilson & Co., Chicago, to have charge of their control and research work.

SIR MAURICE FITZMAURICE, C.M.G., has been appointed to fill the vacancy on the advisory council of the Committee of the Privy Coun-

cil for Scientific and Industrial Research of Great Britain, caused by the retirement, by rotation, of Mr. W. Duddell, C.B.E., F.R.S.

A PERUVIAN Medical Commission, which will tour the United States inspecting medical schools and hospitals, began its work in Baltimore, October 14, and from there went to Philadelphia and New York. The commission is composed of Professor Dr. Guillermo Gastaneta and Drs. E. Campodonico and R. Asplazu. The object of the commission is to secure information for the reorganization of the medical schools of Peru in accordance with American standards.

DR. HENRY C. SHERMAN, professor of food chemistry in Columbia University, who has recently returned from service in Petrograd as a member of the scientific division of the American Red Cross Mission to Russia, spoke of the work of the mission in Russia at Hastings-on-Hudson, New York.

PROFESSOR L. H. BAILEY, of Cornell University, will present a paper on the evening of November 12 before the Society for the Promotion of Agricultural Science in Washington on "Permanent Agriculture and Democracy (suggested by the situation in China)."

PROFESSOR SIMEON E. BALDWIN, of Yale University, was reelected president of the Connecticut Academy of Arts and Sciences at its annual meeting on October 18. At this meeting Professor Baldwin read a paper on "The growth of law during the past year." Dr. Olive Day and Dr. George F. Eaton were elected vice presidents.

THE Harvey Society lectures will be given at the New York Academy of Medicine, as follows: Nov. 10, Dr. Carl L. Alsberg, Washington, D. C., "Current food problems"; Nov. 24, Dr. Linsly R. Williams, "The medical problem of the war"; Dec. 8, Professor Aldred S. Warthin, Ann Arbor, "The new pathology of syphilis."

MR. FISHER, the British minister for education, presided, on October 31, at a meeting in London, which was addressed by Mr. Waldorf Astor, on "Health problems and a state ministry of health." Mr. Kingsley Wood, of the

London County Council, and others took part in the discussion.

DR. GEORGE D. HUBBARD, head of the department of geology of Oberlin College, will address the annual meeting of the Central Association of Teachers of Science and Mathematics at Columbus, Ohio, which will be held from November 30 to December 1, on "Why should geography be taught in the high schools?" Dr. Hubbard has recently been retained in Toledo in connection with certain problems of physiography and geography involved in the riparian case in litigation in which agricultural and fishing industries clashed.

DR. R. H. WARD, of Troy, N. Y., known for his work in microscopy and from 1869 to 1892 professor of botany in the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, died on October 29, aged eighty years.

SIR WILLIAM JAMES HERSCHEL, discoverer and developer of the system of identification by fingerprints, died on October 24. Sir William was born in 1833. He was the grandson of Sir William Herschel, the English astronomer, and the son of Sir John Frederick William Herschel, whom he succeeded in the baronetcy in 1871.

THE death is announced of Mr. Charles Latham, at Glasgow. Mr. Latham was the first Dixon professor of mining in Glasgow University.

WILLIAM ROBERT SYKES, the inventor of the lock-and-block system of railway signalling, died on October 2, at the age of seventy-seven years.

UNDER an agreement between the executors of the estate of the late James Buchanan Brady and his heirs, most of the estate, estimated at \$3,000,000, is now available for the New York Hospital, and makes possible the establishment of the James Buchanan Brady Foundation of Urology, which is in accordance with the testator's plans. Dr. Oswald S. Lowsley, who was named by Mr. Brady as director, has the plans of the foundation in charge.

THE Robert Dawson Evans Memorial for Clinical Research and Preventive Medicine of the Massachusetts Homeopathic Hospital will receive about \$1,000,000, as residuary legatee of the estate of Maria Antoinette Evans.

THE forty-fifth annual convention of the American Public Health Association opened in Washington on October 18. Herbert C. Hoover, director of the United States Food Administration, addressed the convention at its first general session. The program for the afternoon called for a joint session of the association with the American Social Hygiene Association, the Baltimore Medical Society and the Maryland Society for Social Hygiene. A symposium on easily preventable disease control in the army, the navy and the civilian community was given by Colonel F. F. Russell, U. S. A.; Surgeon R. C. Holcomb, U. S. N.; Raymond B. Fosdick, chairman of the commission on training camp activities; Assistant Surgeon General J. W. Kerr, of the Federal Public Health Service, and Surgeon William H. Frost, director of the Red Cross Sanitary Service.

THE Civil Service Commission of the State of New York announces examinations for the State Department of Health for a physiological chemist at a salary of \$1,500; for a laboratory assistant in chemistry at a salary of \$720 to \$1,200 and for a laboratory assistant in bacteriology at a salary of \$720 to \$1,200. These positions are open to non-residents and to citizens of other countries except those at war with the United States, and in the first two positions a degree from a college maintaining a standard satisfactory to the commission or an equivalent education is required.

UNIVERSITY AND EDUCATIONAL NEWS

COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY, New York University and the Presbyterian Hospital are beneficiaries in the will of Kate Collins Browne, who died on August 19. They will share the residue of the estate after half a million dollars is distributed in bequests.